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Sir:

AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 23, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph after line 5 on page 2:

B1 -- The present invention is defined in accompanying claim 1. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 7 on page 2 with the following paragraph:

B2 -- The present invention thus provides a webbing assembly in which the webbing is clamped between a pair of substantially parallel clamping surfaces so that the clamping force